Motion Nos. 640 to 648.

The following motions were not moved as the time allotted for the Demand was over:—

MR. S. J. NAIR :
640. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 42,048 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR :
641. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 42,048 for Commissioner by Rs. 5.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR :
642. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 49,735 for Commissioner by Rs. 5.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR :
643. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 29,182 for Assistant Excise Commissioners by Re. 1.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI :
644. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,91,191 for Excise by Rs. 10.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA :
645. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,91,191 for Excise by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
646. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,91,191 for Excise by Re. 1.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN :
647. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,351 for Customs by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
648. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 92,942 for Customs by Re. 1.

Demand No. X.—Excise Department for Rs. 6,17,732 was put and carried, and the grant was made.

DEMAND XI—FOREST.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) : I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 7,95,255 under Demand XI—Forest.

Motion No. 649.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*) : I move that the allotment of Rs. 750 for minor produce be reduced by Re. 1.

My object in making this motion is to consider the question o drawing greater income from minor produce.

I learn, Sir, that there are several important items included in minor produce which can be made into useful industrial products; and yet the Department does not seem to get substantial income from this source. In 1109, for instance, the minor produce removed from forest by Government agency, fetched only Rs. 2,565 and those removed by purchasers or consumers fetched Rs. 32,546. There was a decrease under these heads in the current year ; and the provision made in the next year's budget is for a receipt of Rs. 2,400 for minor produce removed by Government agency and for a receipt of Rs. 30,000 for minor produce removed by consumers or purchasers.

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[Srimati T. Narayani Amma.]

We do not know the full list of articles comprised in the item "Minor Produce." But the Forest Administration Reports of some of the British Indian Provinces and Indian States disclose the fact that comparatively larger amounts are obtained from this source. I do not propose, Sir, to go into the question of how this source could be more profitably tapped. But, I do feel that, by the application of science and labour, some of the minor produce ought to yield rich industrial products which would substantially increase our revenue. The Conservator of Forests must be able to formulate and work out schemes for this purpose. I do not find any such move; and so, Sir, I move that the allotment of Rs. 750 for minor Produce be reduced by Re. 1.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, Srimati Narayani Amma prefaced by saying that she did not know what exactly were included under "minor produce." Page 90 of the Administration Report would show that, under minor produce, 21 items are included beginning with cardamom and ending with grazing fees. Under minor forest produce, during the year 1109, Rs. 16,443 had been realised by Government Agency, while Rs. 62,566 had been realised from purchasers so much so that the total revenue for the year 1109 was Rs. 79,413. Sir, it was suggested that the Department had not been doing anything for the development of minor forest produce. As a matter of fact, this subject had come before the Assembly several times before and for the last so many years our attention has been engaged in developing the minor produce of the State. In a case like this, it is not however possible all of a sudden to increase the revenue.

Some time ago I was put on special duty to find out the possibility of utilizing *eatta* in the northern Division for the manufacture of paper pulp. A report was submitted to Government; but the Malabar Manufacturing Company came forward with a proposal to manufacture matches out of *eatta*. Unfortunately, they found after 3 years' work that *eatta* was not suitable for matches.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know whether he enquired into the utility of other various products than *eatta* at that time?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Yes, I am coming to that.

The lease granted to the Malabar Match Factory had to be cancelled ultimately and they were given other concessions for the utilisation of timber for match-making purposes. Now after the opening of the Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road the possibility of utilisiug *eatta* from the further area made accessible for the manufacture of paper was also investigated; and as a result the quantity available has now been estimated at about 20,000 tons of pulp per year. Government are in negotiation with Messrs. the Titaghur Paper Mills and they have asked

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for about 50 tons of *eatta* to be sent to them for experimental purposes. *Eatta* is a material which can be used for the manufacture of the best quality paper. But the Titaghur Paper Mills have not tried it so far. Their experience is hitherto confined to the utilisation of bamboo for the manufacture of paper. So the *eatta* available in our State has to be sent to them to be experimented upon tried. I daresay once they try it they are sure to it find it more suitable than bamboo for the manufacture of paper.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): How is the Conservator so sure of that?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Because it has been used in the Punalur paper mills for a long time and they have found that *eatta* is a far better material than bamboo.

The Titaghur Paper Mills wanted the *eatta* to be tried because they did not know anything about it as it was not available on their side.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I want to ask one question. Is there any English equivaleut for the word *eatta*?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): It may be called reeds. But the term reeds covers other growths also.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Has it not got a botanical name?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): If Mr. Thanu Pillai is very particular, I shall give the name. It is called *Ochlandra Travancorica*.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Sir, such informal discussion should not be allowed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Was there an informal discussion? In that case it should not be allowed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I did not hear what Mr. Puthupalli Krishna Pillai said.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT Somebody said that there was an informal talk going on between two members. I said it did not go on,

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I take it that it was not said, so far as I was concerned. I was asking for the botanical equivalent of that particular reed called *eatta*.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Its botanical name is *Ochlandra Travancorica*.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Am I to understand that it is peculiar to Travancore?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Yes. It is peculiar to Travancore, Tinnevelly and the Malabar Coast.

Mr. Parameswara Aiyar was asking whether any other minor products in our forests were investigated. Sir, the quantity of *beedi* leaves being imported into Travancore is so enormous that, if I tell the

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[Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai.]

House that *beodi* leaves worth 12 lakhs of rupees were imported into Travancore during the last five years, the House may perhaps be taken by surprise.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Is fuel included under the minor products?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): It is not.

Several years ago we tried to introduce *beedi* plant into Travancore. We got down seeds from Hyderabad. They were distributed to the several Divisions and sown in different places. The seeds germinated and they are growing. But unfortunately we have not been able to realise the anticipated results. In South Travancore and Shencotta the result has been fair but, in other places where the rainfall is heavy the experiment has not succeeded. All the same we are closely watching the experiment and it is now too early to say anything definitely of the results. About 1914, the Hind Candle Works came here and took up contract for the collection of pine fruits. This contract ran till 1923; but on account of the failure of the firm consequent on the death of the chief partner, the contract had to be terminated. Later on one Mr. Seager took up the contract, but he also left it off after spending over a lakh of rupees in Travancore and Malabar. It would thus be clear that we have not been unmindful of the possibility of developing the revenue from minor produce in the forests of the State. All that is possible is being done, If Srimathi Narayani Amma is not satisfied with the figures already given, I have got here a series of figures to show how rapidly we have been going on with the development of our forest produce. It will be seen from this table that, at the time of Mr. Bourdillon, practically we had no revenue from minor produce. Subsequently it had developed and during the time of Mr. Rama Rao it went up to Rs. 37,000 per year and later up to Rs. 59,000 and it stands at present between Rs. 70,000 and Rs. 80,000,

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know why ivory is placed under minor produce?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Because it is taken from the forests.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Is it not a royalty?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): It is a royalty; but all the same it is a produce which does not come under major produce like timber, It is a product collected from the forests as they are found occurring.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Out of Rs. 79,000, may I know what is the amount realised under ivory?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Rs. 6,020. Unfortunately, Sir, the market for ivory has gone down.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*); May I know the quantity of ivory sold?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): 703 lbs.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Is the quantity of ivory collected going up ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) : We have a stock of about 3,000 lbs. of ivory collected during the last three years remaining unsold.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : I want to know whether the quantity collected is going up or down ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) : That is a fluctuating item. If there is any epidemic among elephants, we will be able to get more ivory.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : May I know whether the appointment of the Game Warden in any way affects the death of elephants ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) : I do not know how it affects the death of elephants. Probably the animals are better looked after now ; and in course of time the Game Warden may be able to prevent their deaths.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know whether the activities of the Trade Agent have influenced the price of ivory.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) : Yes, Sir. We referred the matter of disposing the ivory to the Trade Agent and he published one or two advertisements in the Bombay papers. But the ivory market is dull throughout the world and even with the help of the Trade Agent, we did not secure much demand.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know from the member in which year we got the highest price for ivory ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) : We got the highest price just before the present depression set in.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether prompt action is being taken for shooting down rogue elephants whenever applications are given for the same ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : What is the question, please ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Sir, members must be alive to what is going on in the House (*Laughter*) .

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : What is it ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I was asking a question and some member wanted to know what it is.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Who wanted it ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Some body.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : So long as some body wanted, Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai is out of order.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : Sir, it was a member who was quite alive that put the question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai was putting a question.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I was quite alive and I wanted to know the question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What was the question?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): The question was whether prompt action is taken by the Department in the matter of shooting down rogue elephants whenever applications come from different quarters with regard to the trouble of rogue elephants.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Where is the relevancy of this to minor products?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): It is connected with the discussion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is a very unimportant matter. The way in which rogue elephants are shot down has nothing to do with the question under discussion.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the going down of the consumption of ivory or the price of ivory has ever influenced the Conservator of Forests in refusing applications for shooting rogue elephants?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is also very remotely connected.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Sir, it is necessary because there is a lot of complaint that rogue elephants are wandering about freely in the forests and killing the poor coolies.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You can ask the Conservator that question at the proper time, but not now.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether ivory collection has any connection with the Forest Department.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Ivory is collected by the Forest Department as tusks are found in the forests.

MR. PACODE A NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Is not ivory a small portion of a rogue elephant? (*Laughter*).

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am very sorry in again having to observe that certain members are making wrong use of the opportunity for talking in this House either to make remarks or to put questions. Questions must be intended to elicit answers useful to the discussion. I trust better discretion will prevail and the Chair will not be called upon to pronounce on every one of these unimportant matters.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether the member is aware that large quantity of ivory is being sold at a very cheap rate from the Ivory Workshops in foreign markets.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): I do not know anything about that. If it is sold cheaply in foreign markets, they may have got it at a cheaper rate due to the fall in the price.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): I rise to support the motion. Any body who takes the trouble of entering the reserve forests in our blessed State will be convinced of the vast possibilities of making use of the valuable products of our reserved forests. The

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motion deals with the fact that they are not being fully utilised- especially under the item of "Minor produce". To me it seems that the chief reason is the lack of proper approach roads to the interior of the reserve forests. Unless the people have proper means of access to the wild areas of the reserve forests, it is impossible to utilise the resources of our reserve forests. Sir, in the matter of collecting these minor forest produce, great difficulty is experienced by those engaged in the work.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Your proposal is that every body should be allowed to enter the reserves to collect the minor forest produce?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Sir, I do not propose indiscriminate admission to all people. From my experience in the reserves of Todupuzha Taluk, the chief difficulty experienced by the people engaged in collecting and making use of these minor produce is the want of proper communications. We have no means of access to these wild areas of the reserved forests. Major products like timber and other articles are chiefly got down through certain rivers. This too is possible during monsoon seasons only. During summer almost every river gets dried up. So unless and until we have got sufficient means of easy access to the reserve areas, I do not think this question of making use of the vast resources especially under the "Minor Produce" item can be effected. With regard to the rivers themselves, even in rainy seasons it is a very difficult task to float even major produces, like timber, fuel, etc. They are so dangerous and full of rocks and cataracts.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We are not concerned with the floating down of the major produces from the reserve. You may refer to it only incidentally.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): That is the only way to increase our revenue from the minor produce.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Does the member know that the receipts under Minor Produce are going up year after year?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): But Sir, it is not proportionate to the resources. We are not getting even a small fraction of the wealth locked up in these forests. Sir, I emphasise this fact to show that we must have more means of access to the interior of these forests.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Sir, on a point of order. Can the question of Communications be raised when we are discussing the item "Minor produce"?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Kuriakose is in order.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Sir, the Conservator may be of the view that, when once people are given easy access to the Reserve Forests, they may tamper with the sanctity of the reserve forests. That is to say they may do so many illegal actions and it

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[Mr. K. M. Kuriakose],

may be very difficult for the Department to prevent such things. But I think, Sir, that the revenue derived after such communications are opened will certainly compensate any anticipated loss. Perhaps the Department will have to increase its staff for proper guarding. I am pointing out to the Conservator the necessity of moving the Government in this matter.

Sir, with these words, I support the motion.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I rise to support the motion. On page 19 of the Administration Report, I find that the collection of manure leaves also comes under "Minor Produce".

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Manure leaves and their collection come under Minor Forest Produce.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the practice of collecting manure leaves from the reserve forests was resorted to from some years back. In the Nedumangad taluk, there are plenty of paddy fields that are under cultivation and which are situated inside the Reserve Forests. The cultivators of those areas used to get licenses to collect manure leaves from inside the Reserve Forests. But in recent times, the Conservator who has acquired some paddy fields in Nedumangad Taluk by——

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is absolutely irrelevant. If the member says that the issuing of licenses was stopped from such and such a date, it may be relevant. The Conservator owning paddy fields has nothing to do with the point.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade II*): May I know whether it was the Conservator or Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is also not relevant.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, what I submit is that the present Conservator has no sympathy at all with the cultivators or poor farmers.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Are there not areas specially reserved for the collection of manure leaves?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No, Sir. The poor cultivators are very much harrassed unnecessarily and prosecuted and persecuted for the alleged offences of collecting manure leaves. They have submitted petitions to the Conservator and the Government to get their grievances redressed and to give them permission to collect manure leaves upon licenses at a nominal cost.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does the member say that the Conservator is taking criminal action by prosecuting the offenders?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No, Sir; what I am submitting is that the Conservator is not issuing licenses to these poor cultivators for collecting manure leaves, and that the practice was largely in vogue till recently. I am at a loss to understand why it was stopped. The discontinuance of the issue of the license may be through the orders of the Government or through the perverse notion of the Conservator.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Will you withdraw the word 'perverse' ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I do withdraw, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Not that the word is obnoxious, but it is unparliamentary.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Anyhow the condition of the agriculturists in Nedumangad taluk is most deplorable in the absence of getting permission to collect manure leaves.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : On a point of order. Sir, can the making of camp cots come under the item of "Minor Produce ?"

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : No it cannot come under the item "Minor Produce".

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, my suggestion is that licenses should be given to the cultivators on payment of fee to collect manure leaves.

The second point that I have to stress is about the complaint of the Conservator that there is no good market for the sale of the minor forest produce such as ivory. Sir, for this I would suggest that the selling of the ivory should be done by the Industries Department. The Forest Department should collect the ivory and hand it over to the Industries Department to get it sold. If these two Departments co-ordinate their activities——

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Should the Forest Department hand over the ivory free of cost ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) Certainly free of cost. Sir, both these Departments are under one Government.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : By book adjustment?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. K. GORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Book adjustment means payment of money.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : It may mean anything. I do not care. Sir, the suggestion which I make will bring profit both to the Forest Department and to the Industries Department.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : Is the member aware that, if people are allowed to collect green manure from the Reserves, there would be indiscriminate destruction of young plants ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : The Forest Regulation is wide enough to prevent this contingency.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : How is it possible to distinguish between young shootings and other green manures ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, we have got an army of guards and other officers in the Forest Department to attend to this. Further the license-holders should be liable to punishment if they destroy the young plants.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam I*) : Does the member know whether there is any other taluk in the State where permission for the collection of green manure is granted ?

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I find, on page 19 of the administration report, that there is an income to the Department from this source, amounting to Rs. 114. So I think that people of some other taluks in the State are permitted to collect green manures and in the case of Nedumangad that right is denied to the poor cultivators.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Will the member be satisfied if special areas are set apart for this?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I would be satisfied if the poor peasants are allowed to collect green manure.

The third suggestion I want to make is this. The Ayurvedic Department is not in a position to get enough supply of the various medicinal herbs that they require. And the Forest Department has got very valuable medicines in its reserves. What I am submitting, Sir, is that these two Departments must co-ordinate their activities for the benefit of the people.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): What are the medicines that we can get from the Forests.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. S. J. Nair has made a general statement that it is possible to get some Ayurvedic medicines in our reserved forests. Mr. S. J. Nair need not pursue the matter further. It is the general trend that is important.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, *kuruntotti* is a medicine which the Ayurvedic Department requires in large quantities, and it grows wildly in our forests. Honey, for instance, is another medicine which is available in the forests and which the Ayurvedic Department is badly in need of.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Thiruvalla I*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ വനങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും എത്രമാത്രം ചില്ലറ വിഭവങ്ങളാം നമുക്കു ലഭ്യമാകുമെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഇതു വരേയും ആരുംതന്നെ ശരിയായികണ്ടുപിടിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്നു മാത്രമല്ല; ഈ ചില്ലറ വിഭവങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന ആദായം മുഴുവനും കിട്ടുന്നതിനു ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു ശരിയായ നടപടികളും ഒന്നുംതന്നെ നടത്തുന്നുമില്ല. വനത്തിനുള്ളിൽ എന്താണുള്ളതെന്നു് ആരും അറിയാതിരിക്കാനോ എന്നു തോന്നുമാറു് അധികം ആരേയും അതിനകത്തു് കയറുകയില്ലഎന്നുള്ള ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ നയമാണു് ഇതിനു് കാരണം. വല്ലവരും അകത്തു കയറിപ്പോയാൽ ഇന്നുകിട്ടുന്ന ആദായത്തിൽനിന്നും വല്ലകുറവും വന്നേക്കുമോ എന്നാണു് കൺസർവേറാരുടെ ഭയം.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): കൺട്രാക്ടർമാരേ ഇതിനകത്തു് സഞ്ചരിക്കുന്നതിനനുവദിക്കുന്നില്ലേ?

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MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഉണ്ട്, അതിനെപ്പറ്റി പിന്നീടുപറയാം. വനങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും കണക്കില്ലാത്ത ഒരുസംഖ്യ കിട്ടത്തക്കവണ്ണമുള്ള വിഭവങ്ങൾ അതിൽ ഉണ്ടാകുന്നുണ്ട്. വനങ്ങളിലെ ഈ ചില്ലറവിഭവങ്ങളുടെ ഒരു ശരിയായ കണക്കു കിട്ടണമെങ്കിൽ വനത്തിൽ താമസിക്കുന്നവരും വനവിഭവം കൊണ്ട് ഉപജീവനം കഴിക്കുന്നവരുമായ ഊരാളിമാർ തുടങ്ങിയ കാട്ടുജാതിക്കാരോടു ചോദിച്ചാലറിയാം.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : വനത്തിൽ താമസിക്കുന്ന ജാതിക്കാരുടെ പേർ പറയാമോ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : വനത്തിൽ താമസിക്കുന്നവരുടെ പേർ പറയേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഇക്കഴിഞ്ഞ സെൻസസ്സ് റിപ്പോർട്ട് എടുത്തുനോക്കിയാൽ വിവരമായിട്ടറിയാം.

തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ വനങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും ലഭിക്കുന്നിടത്തോളം വിഭവങ്ങൾ ശേഖരിച്ച് അതിന്റെ മുഴുവൻ അനുഭവവും രാജ്യത്തിനു ലഭിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടി ആരെങ്കിലും ശ്രമിക്കുന്നെങ്കിൽ ഇപ്പോഴുകിട്ടുന്നതിൽനിന്നും വളരെക്കൂടുതലായ ഒരു വരുമാനം കിട്ടുമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : റിസർവ്വ് ഫാറസ്റ്റിൽ തെങ്ങു ധാരാളമുണ്ടോ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : There are what are called Mala Ooralies. You do not know that. That is why you are putting that question Mr. Elenkath. You may proceed, Mr. Varughese.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): വനങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി യാതൊരുനിശ്ചയവും ഇല്ലാത്ത നിലയിൽ ഈ മാതിരി ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ വരുന്നതിൽ ഞാൻ അതിശയിക്കുന്നു.

MR. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): മെമ്പർക്ക് വനത്തെപ്പറ്റി നല്ല നിശ്ചയമുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഒരു നിധിഎന്നവണ്ണം വനത്തിൽ ഈ ചില്ലറ വിഭവങ്ങൾ അടങ്ങിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു് പരമാർത്ഥമാണ്. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ സ്ഥിതിക്കു പലപല ആവശ്യങ്ങൾ നിറവേറേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നഅവസരത്തിൽ പണമുണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിന് ജനങ്ങളെ ഞെക്കിപ്പിഴിയാതെ, ജനങ്ങൾ യാതൊരു വിധമായ സങ്കടങ്ങളുംസഹിക്കുന്നതിനിടവരുത്താതെ, ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ലഭിക്കാവുന്നതും നിഷ്പ്രയാസം എടു

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ക്കാവുന്നതുമായ ആദായം വനങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും എടുത്തു് ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ഏറംപ്പിക്കാൻ വേണ്ടചട്ടങ്ങൾ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

ഒരു റേഞ്ചിനകത്തു് അനേകായിരം ഏക്കർ വിസ്തീർണ്ണമുള്ള വനത്തിൽനിന്നും ചില്ലറ വിഭവങ്ങൾ എടുക്കുന്നതിനു ഗസറ്റിൽ പരസ്യം ചെയ്തു് ടെൻഡർ വിളിച്ചു് ക്രൂതൽതുകക്കു ടെൻഡർ കൊടുക്കുന്ന ഒരാൾക്കു് കൺട്രാക്റ്റ് കൊടുക്കുക എന്നുള്ളതാണു് ഇന്നു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് ചില്ലറ വിഭവങ്ങൾ ശേഖരിക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ അനുവർത്തിച്ചുവരുന്നനയം. ഇതു് ഒട്ടും മതിയായ ഒന്നല്ല. ഈ സംഗതിയിൽ എനിക്കു് ഈ സഭയുടേയും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൻറേയും ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുവാനുള്ളതു് ഓരോ റേഞ്ചുകളേയും അനേകം ഭാഗങ്ങളായി ബൌണ്ടറിവെട്ടിതിരിച്ചു് ഓരോ ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും വിഭവങ്ങൾ എടുക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള അവകാശം ലേലംചെയ്യാ ടെൻഡർ പരസ്യപ്പെടുത്തിയോ ഇപ്പൊഴുള്ളതിൽ വളരെ ക്രൂതൽ ആളുകൾ ഏർപ്പെടത്തക്കവണ്ണം വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടുകൾ ചെയ്തു കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണു്. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്താൽ ഇന്നത്തെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു് എത്രയോ ക്രൂതലായി ആദായം കിട്ടുമെന്നുള്ളതിൽ യാതൊരു സംശയവും ഇല്ല. ഇതിനും പുറമേ വനങ്ങൾക്കുള്ളിൽ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടും കഷ്ടപ്പാടുകളും ക്രൂടാതെ പ്രവേശിക്കത്തക്കവണ്ണം സഞ്ചാരസൌകര്യം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കണം. അങ്ങിനെചെയ്താൽ മറ്റുള്ള വൻതരം വിഭവങ്ങളെ മോഷ്ടിച്ചോ, വനത്തിൻറെ സംരക്ഷണക്കു ഹാനിതട്ടിയോ, ഗവണ്മെൻറിന നഷ്ടമുണ്ടാക്കുമെന്നും മറ്റുമുള്ള ഭയത്തിൻറെ ആവശ്യം ഇപ്പോഴില്ല.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : സഞ്ചാര സൌകര്യം വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചാൽ കളവുകൾ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കാൻ ക്രൂടി സൌകര്യപ്പെടുകയില്ലേ?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : അതേ. എനിക്കും ആ അഭിപ്രായമാണുള്ളതു്. ഇപ്പോൾ വനങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും, ചില്ലറ വിഭവങ്ങൾ വകയിൽ കിട്ടുന്ന ൧൦,൦൦൦-രൂപാ ഉൾപ്പെടെ ക്രൂ-ലക്ഷം രൂപയാണു് കിട്ടുന്നതു്. ഈ ചില്ലറ വിഭവങ്ങൾ ശേഖരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ഏർപ്പാടുകൾ ധാരാളം ആളുകൾ ഏർപ്പെടത്തക്കവണ്ണം ശരിയായവിധം നടപ്പാക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഈ ഒരിനത്തിൽനിന്നുതന്നെ ഇതിനോടടുത്ത ഒരു സംഖ്യ ആണ്ടുതോറും കിട്ടുമെന്നാണു് എൻറെ അഭിപ്രായം. ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറും ഗവണ്മെൻറും ക്രൂതലായി ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണമെന്നുൽബോധിപ്പിച്ചു കൊള്ളുന്നു.

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MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): I oppose the motion. If we value the conservation of our forests, certainly they should not be converted into accessible plain lands by opening out roads. The essence of conservation of forests is that they should be opened up within the fewest limits possible, so that only the forest guards could go into their various parts. If, as is now contended here, numerous roads are opened in our forest reserves, there would be no minor produce left that is now being collected by the Forest Department. From what I know of him, the present Conservator is one who stoutly maintains the principle of conservation. I am sure any other gentleman would have yielded to the clamour of the people to the detriment of our forests and forest products.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad.*): May I ask whether the principle of conservation of forests can be allowed to prevent or injure cultivation of paddy?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Cultivation of paddy has nothing to do with forests.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is green manure required for paddy cultivation?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Yes; but that does not mean that it must be robbed from another's property.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I ask whether people are prevented from entering reserve forests?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No answer is necessary for such questions of law, matters which have been provided for in Regulations.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): The income from forest produce depends on the careful manner in which the forests are conserved. I am therefore of opinion that the policy of conservation of forests and of controlling the forests should be entirely left to the Conservator of Forests.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does the member agree that the roads in forests need not be increased in number?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Therefore does he suggest that we need not sanction any amount for the opening of roads inside the forests?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): We want as much road as is necessary for the guarding of our forests. Nothing more than that, on any account.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The question may be put, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. S. J. Nair is clearly out of order. He is one who has spoken, and he now wants the question to be put.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I move that the question be put.

The closure motion was put and carried.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): In view of the official member's statement, I beg leave to withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

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Motions Nos. 650 to 655.

The following motions were declared inadmissible :

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI :

650. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,300 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

651. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,300 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :

652. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,300 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI :

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654. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,300 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

MR. K. SANKARAN :

655. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,300 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

Motion NO. 656

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. S. J. Nair's motion is—

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,300 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

(To point out that the tour of the Conservator of Forests is insufficient and in spite of his tours the forest revenue suffers a good lot due to the indifference of the Conservator in not auctioning the top-ends and outer-slabs of timbers cut down by contractors from inside the Reserve Forests for fuel and also the sufferings of the agriculturists)"

A number of things have been lumped together, some of which have not got much connection with the others. Anyhow, Mr. S. J. Nair may make his motion in order to point out that the tour of the Conservator of Forests is insufficient.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : From the proceedings of the Government upon the administration of the—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You are not making the motion ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Yes, Sir.

I beg to move the following motion :

"*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,300 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.*

Sir, from the proceedings of the Government upon the Administration Report of the Forest Department for the year 1109, it is found that the Conservator has not submitted a separate report to Government regarding his touring work for the year 1109. And it is also evident that the Conservator seldom goes out on tour with a view to inspect the Reserve Forests. As a result of his not doing the touring work, the Conservator is not in a position to understand the needs and necessities of those people who reside near the reserve forests or in the locality or *pakuthi* in which the reserve forests are situated. As a result of this and of the ignorance on the part of the Conservator of Forests in order to look after the interests and needs of these people—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : These are not forest matters ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : The needs of the people so far as the Forest Department is concerned.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You cannnot say that the Conservator is not doing any thing for the people. If you say that the Conservator is not doing any touring work so far as his department is concerned, then I am prepared to allow your discussion.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the absence of sufficient touring work on the part of the Conservator as well as the absence of his sufficient knowledge in the working of the departmental subordinates is evident from the report. Sir, against a clever and honest officer who had an intimate knowledge in the working of the Forest Department, one Mr. Ramasubramonia Iyer, an Assistant Conservator of Forests, a case was unnecessarily trumped up. Due to the ignorance on the part of the Conservator—

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): A point of order, Sir. This morning it was ruled out that the case against the Assistant Conservator Mr. Ramasubramonia Iyer should not be referred to. In answer to a question asked it was replied that the matter is treated confidential and Mr. S. J. Nair is now referring to that. Is he in order?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Yes, I am awaiting the issue.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): This Mr. Ramasubramonia Iyer was one of the few honest officers in the department—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Now I must intervene. The Government have not finally decided the matter, so that Mr. S. J. Nair need not take further trouble about it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): There are various other instanees in which the Conservator of Forests, due to the absence of sufficient knowledge or understanding of the conditions of the administration of the reserved forests as well as the subordinates under him, overlooked the claims of various people who are and who were employed in his department.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That has nothing to do with his travelling duties.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): He has rendered serious injustice by purposely overlooking the legitimate acting claims of very many subordinates in the Department.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That again has nothing to do with his traveling work.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): He has unnecessarily and unjustly recommended the dismissal of—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Would you obey the Chair, Mr. S. J. Nair?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes, Sir. Moreover, Sir, due to the insufficiency of touring work on the part of the Conservator of Forests, he does not know the exact position of the reserve forests, Sir, inside the reserves various kinds of timbers are cut down on contract. Sir, the contractors, after removing the timber, leave there a lot of outer slabs and top-ends; and so far as the necessity for fuel is concerned, people in all the towns in Travancore feel a great demand for them. The people in Nagercoil, Trivandrum, Quilon, Alleppey, Kottayam and various other towns are not in a position to get sufficient firewood.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member that it is not so in respect of the Nagercoil town?

MR. S J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): If it is not so in respect of the Nagercoil town, then, Sir, it may be left alone. If only the Conservator had an intimate knowledge of the reserve forests and he was careful in auctioning the top ends and outer slabs of those timbers that were cut down by the contractors, it would have fetched a good revenue to the department.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Why did the contractors leave the top ends and outer slabs? Is it because these have not been found profitable?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The contractors can remove only the timber and not the top-ends and outer-slabs. They can only remove the timber proper. So they leave these materials there.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Why did they not compel the contractors to take it?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): You can compel the contractors only if it is put in auction. It should be given on a separate contract, in order to collect and remove the top-ends and outer-slabs of timbers felled in the reserved forests.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether a large quantity of useful timber is regularly auctioned?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): But the top-ends and outer-slabs do still form a part of the revenue.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): They are being sold.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In that case if the Department is functioning such things,—

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): I am stating the facts as they are now.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: However the question on this point is irrelevant in so far as it is impossible to know that there is such a waste of income. Mr. S, J. Nair stated that there are auction sales as well. You need not say anything more on that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Here and there the department may put these articles in auction. But there are plenty of top-ends and outer-slabs and my suggestion is that, if only the Conservator of Forests cared to permit contractors to collect these top-ends and outer-slabs for use as fire wood, and these articles removed to the towns, the Government or the department would be getting a large revenue in this direction. From the Admininistration Report for 1109, page 37, it is also found that "the sale of fuel coupes brought in the year a revenue of Rs. 26,502-19-14 against Rs. 20,646-6-0 in 1108". What I submit is this, if only the department gave contracts in order to collect these top-ends and outer-slabs the department would have fetched a good revenue.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You seem to dilate upon the same point; you may go on with the other points.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With these few words, I take my seat.

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MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : Sir, the Conservator, if he had travelled enough, could have detected several offences. Trespassers must be detected. Every year——

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Do you mean to say it is the business of the Conservator to detect more forest cases ?

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : He would have and could have made better arrangements for detecting more offences. If he travelled once to Sabarimala during the time of the *Makarasankranti* he could have detected several trespassers cutting down and destroying several valuable trees like the *Eatty* and *Thambagam*. These people get into the forest without his permission and they are committing several offences. Several petty traders make several shops in the reserve.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Are there not forest subordinates in those reserves ?

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : I think I have to advise my friend to hear what I have to say without interrupting me for a few minutes.

The number of tradesmen has been increasing year by year. Some 11 years ago there was only one arrack shop and now that one arrack shop has grown into 10 shops.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I may tell you, that is a thing more for the Excise Department than for the Forest Department.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : If the Conservator of Forests had prevented them from trespassing into the reserves, they would not have been there. It is with the connivance of the Forest Department and the Excise Department that such shops are conducted in the reserve, and I dare say with the connivance of the Police Department also.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether these toddy shops are intended for the use of the pilgrims who go to worship at Sabarimala ?

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : Yes, I am coming to that.

The pilgrims who used to go to Sabarimala were doing so without fear of any molestation from others. Now the offences have been increasing day by day. Now robbery, assault and all these are taking place on account of these petty traders.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether he is aware that the officers of the Forest Department have committed trespass into the reserve forests ?

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changahachery* cum *Peermade II*) : They do not trespass, they are entitled to get into the forests.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether he is aware that the Conservator of Forests has committed criminal trespass into the reserve forest in Nedumangad ?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I want Mr. S. J. Nair to stand up and apologise to the House for having used that expression. Will he do it?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I must be permitted to explain.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No explanation is wanted on this question. When a member of this House says that a responsible officer like the Conservator of Forests has himself committed criminal trespass into the forests, the only course open to the member is to express regret. I would advise him to do so.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): For the sake of the Deputy President's ruling, I do so.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Chair is satisfied.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): He states that he has expressed regret because of the ruling of the Chair.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am sorry I did not hear that. Mr. S. J. Nair, are you prepared to express regret for your observation about the Conservator of Forests? I do not want any condition in the expression of regret.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): On the ruling of the Chair, I express regret.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am not prepared to accept that. Mr. S. J. Nair will have, in deference to the ruling of the Chair, to state that he expresses regret for having made such observations about the Conservator of Forests. Is he prepared to do that? I am giving him the chance.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): One word of explanation, Sir. It is not for the statement I have made that the Conservator has comitted criminal trespass that I express regret. I do say that the statement is correct unless and until it is proved otherwise.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am not concerned with that. I am of the considered opinion that Mr. S. J. Nair, in order to be able to exercise any of the privileges of the House as a member, must express regret on the observation he has made about the Conservator of Forests.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I have already expressed regret at the ruling of the Chair.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We have got other business. He must express his unconditional regret at once.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I must know the exact terms in which I should express regret.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am not prepared to give the wording. I only want that Mr. S. J. Nair, as a member of this House, should express regret at having made that observation about the Conservator of Forests. The language may be his own. But this should be the substance. And it should not be qualified by any word.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, with due deference to the commands of the Chair, I regret.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am glad. Mr. Raman Pillai will now continue.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): Sir, it is 26 years since I have been continuously to Sabarimala. Till 12 years ago, there were no cases of theft or assault. A few petty traders used to come and vend illicit arrack. These offences are now growing from year to year. It is highly necessary that these offences should be stopped. For this purpose, the Conservator should tour in Sabarimala at the above-said periods. I would have talked about the Excise Commissioner also as to touring to Sabarimala. But I am sorry my motion under Excise was ruled out of order.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order, order. The member should not say that he is sorry for the ruling,

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): I only wanted to state the fact.

I have pointed out this occurrence to two D. S. P's, But they have not taken any notice of that.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is not relevant to this motion.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): With these words, I support the motion.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Sir, I support the motion. In answer to a question put by Mr. S. J. Nair on a previous occasion, the Conservator replied that the question of collecting fuel, wind-fallen trees and top-ends from the Reserved Forests had been attended to by the Department itself for several years. But the experiment was a failure. So they dropped that idea. The objection now raised in that it is not a paying concern. My point is that the present conditions are not the same as they were before. We are at the present time badly in need of good fuel. Generally, the mango tree is our only source of fuel. In 90 per cent. of the cases, the Conservator would himself admit that mango trees are being cut down for fuel.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I ask whether the mango trees are cut down for use in this country or for other countries?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is immaterial. The question is whether mango trees are being cut down.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): He states that the mango tree is used as fuel.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Nobody takes care of the mango tree. These valuable trees are being cut down ruthlessly. That is my point. I want to bring this to the notice of the Forest Department. There is plenty of good fuel in the forests. For instance, *Venmaruthu*, *Karimaruthu*, etc. are very good fuel. If that fuel is supplied, then the valuable mango trees will not be cut down.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): To which part of the country does the member's observation that the mango tree supplies 90 per cent. of the fuel apply?

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MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : I am speaking in general and with special reference to my constituency. There was an article in one of the issues of the commercial review about this matter, by Mr. S. Krishna Aiyar, the well-known planter.

I want to bring to the notice of the Conservator that the experiment should be tried once again. He must see whether there are contractors coming forward for the collection of fuel and wind-fallen trees from the reserve areas. I think that will considerably add to the Forest revenue.

MR. A. EASVARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Sir, I oppose the motion. I wish that the Conservator of Forests would travel frequently through the forest areas and see that the trees are not mercilessly cut down. Because trees have been mercilessly cut down in the Pechipara Reserve area, we did not get enough rain there for the last four or five years.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I ask whether the member has seen articles in various Travancore newspapers that trees inside the Reserve Forests are being cut by the forest employees ?

MR. A. EASVARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : It is immaterial whether the trees are cut down by forest employees or by others. The fact remains that the trees are mercilessly cut down. Consequently we don't have as much rain as we were having to fill the Pechipara Reservoir. The agriculturists make a hue and cry over this affair. Therefore if we allow the Conservator to travel, he will put a stop to such acts.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Sir, I support the motion. My point is that the Conservator is not travelling through all parts of the State. He must not confine himself to the reserved forests. So long as there are royal trees standing on registered holdings, and registry-holders have got a right to get a part of the value of these trees, he must tour throughout the whole State and learn the difficulties which they have at present to undergo.

The principle of giving *kudivila* seems to be this. When a royal tree is growing in a registered holding, the owner of the holding has to undergo several difficulties in the matter of cultivation. He cannot cut away the branches. The tree must be allowed to grow as in reserved forests. It is not possible to cultivate the land beneath these trees. This is one of the considerations accepted by Government in giving *kudivila*. When the tree is cut down, a part of its value is given to the holder as compensation for his not being able to cultivate the ground beneath the tree.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Viavankod*) : May I know whether the part of the price is given to the owner when the tree is felled ?

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : Yes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : I want to know whether the value is paid to the owner of the holding as soon as the tree is felled down.

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MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): My complaint is that in certain cases the *kudivila* is not given to the actual registry-holder. In some cases, it is given away to some other parties. That is unjust. I will point out an instance in the Kalloopara *pakuthi* which is under the Edapally Chief.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Conservator is not concerned with that.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): I only want to point out to Government the difficulties undergone by the actual registry-holders in the award of *Kudivila*. In an answer given to a question, the official member stated that, although a notice was published in the gasette, no one is coming forward with a claim.

It was said in this House that people were not coming forward with their claims. But I have to inform—

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether the motion on T. A. has anything to do with what the member has now said regarding the Edapally Swaroopam?

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): The principle regarding the award of *kudivila* has been accepted. Then, why an exception should be made with regard to Edapalli Swaroopam, I am not able to see. So far as Kalluppara *pakuthi* is concerned, the inhabitants have not done any sin so as not to receive such concession.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member is not in order in treading upon irrelevant grounds. The Conservator will not be able to do anything in respect of preferential rights to Edapalli Swaroopam.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): But it is nowhere said in the Regulation that the *Kudivila* will go to Edapalli Chief.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That point need not be developed.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): I am only pointing out to Government the difficulties which the holders of lands are undergoing and all that I want is that the Conservator of Forests must bring these facts to the notice of the Government when I am sure they will do something in the matter.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): I oppose the motion. The trend of the discussion shows that the Conservator should travel and be present simultaneously in all places in the State.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Nobody said so.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): What I meant was that he should be present everywhere. That I say is a physical impossibility. I agree with the idea that the Conservator is expected to know every part of his jurisdiction. Taking that as the ideal, we have to see whether the Conservator has acquainted himself with the heart of the forest. If he has done so, people have no right to find fault with his travelling. I know that the Conservator knows every part.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nednmangad*): How does the member know that the Conservator knows every part? Is it his personal knowledge?

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MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Expert forest officers from British parts have given certificates to the effect that our forest is kept in the most perfect manner possible. I know, even the British authorities have to learn much from our forests.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is that a certificate given to the present head of the Forest Department or to the Travancore Government.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): To the present head of the department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from where does the member say that? Is it published anywhere in the Gazette or in newspapers?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Which is published?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The certificate.

MR. G NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Then again, whether the Conservator has travelled through the forests may be seen from the fact that valuable information about trees has been collected and even the top-ends and parts of fallen trees are arranged to be sold regularly. I know from my experience in Neyyattinkara, Nedumangad, Trivandrum and other places the Forest Department have collected fallen trees for being sold in auction.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know when and where in Nedumangad the member has come across such auction sales?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): I myself have seen.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In which month, please?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Three months back.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it at Vamanapuram?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedmangad*): At what price was it sold?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Rs. 75,

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member cannot be cross-examined.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it was a private purchase or court auction?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Court auction.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Was that notified?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): When?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No cross-examination is allowed.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): I know many people on the plains recklessly fell down mango and other trees for exporting for temporary gain and they will be faced with the fuel famine but for this fuel reserve policy provided for posterity.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : What does the member mean by saying that the Conservator has stored trees for posterity to come ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is not relevant

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : The Conservator is travelling as much as he can. With these words, I oppose the motion.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) : I do not want to go into the details of the travelling work that is being done by the Conservator. I should say, from the trend of discussion, that nobody was serious with regard to the Conservator's travelling as in bringing to the notice of the House their individual grievances.

Mr. S. J. Nair spoke about the top-ends resulting from the felling of trees inside the forest area. As much timber as is possible is being taken out of felled trees. The member probably thought that a considerable amount of revenue could be had from the sale of tree top-ends also. But all top-ends cannot be converted into marketable timber. The trees are felled in the interior forests and the top-ends left there alone ; to transport them as fuel or material will be prohibitive in cost and it will not pay.

MR. S. J. NAIR. (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether top-ends are sold in auction to contractors from inside the forests ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) : Yes, if any one will want them.

To extract timber from the nearest forest in the Southern Division, it costs 8 annas per cubic ft. on an average. If a cart load of 60 cubic ft. of fuel is to be taken out from these places, it will cost about and sold for about Rs. 30. No man will be coming forward for extraction of top-ends for fuel at the price per cart load.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know whether the extraction of top-ends for being sold as fuel is taking place in any other country ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) : Not to my knowledge. In favourable localities, it may be possible ; but not in our State.

There is the Punalur Paper Mills which consumes a lot of fuel.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the member is not aware of selling fuel coupes ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*) ; No.

Government gave them the concession of collecting fuel from top-ends from the nearest work areas and a nominal rate of 4 to 8 annas per ton was fixed. But still the Mills did not avail of the concession as it was not paying them to extract even at the low rate.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I point out to the Conservator, from page 37, Administration report of the Forest Department, the relevant passage ? It reads thus —

" A large quantity of fuel was as usual removed by purchasers on permits in the Shencotta, Northern and Kottayam Divisions. 234 tons

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[Mr. S. J. Nair.]

of fuel was also removed by the Meenakshi Paper Mills at Punalur from the Kuriottumala coupes opened for felling under coppice-with-standard system and from the top-ends of felling from the Arienkavu Reserve at seigniorage rate. The sale of fuel coupes brought in a revenue of Rs. 26,502-19-14 against Rs. 20,646-6-0 in 1.08".

What does he mean by that ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): A question was asked here whether it is being sold elsewhere and my answer was. no.

In some places, if the felling areas are near consumming centres and easily accessible, it may pay ; but not everywhere. Kuriottumalai is opposite to the Punalur Paper Mills and it is worked for their own benefit and so it pays.

Mr. Kuriakose was referring to some place which I do not know. I understand he comes from Muvattupuzha and it is a place where there is no demand for fuel till now. If Perumbavur was the place he was referring to, I can understand that. In Malayattur, the Department has been selling coupes from where, after extracting the timber, the top-ends are floated down to the consuming centres like Alwaye in long lengths. Even there it was not paying. The contractors in all those cases had nothing much to pay for transport.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Am I to understand that forest fuel is available in abundance for purposes of supply ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): The question of supplying fuel cannot be taken up by the Department as long as there are private fuel depots. We tried an experiment of supplying fuel in Trivandrum, but we burnt our fingers in that venture. We were not able to compete with private men. The question of supplying fuel can be taken up only when private supplies have become exhausted.

MR. K M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha I*) : Is the Department willing to invite tenders for that purpose ?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Yes.

If people come forward to undertake the supply of fuel at cheap rates at the Depots, the Department would only be glad to welcome them.

In regard to the Sabarimala incident, stated by Mr. Raman Pillai, I find nothing of the kind has come to my notice. The Forest officer will be the last person to give trouble to the pilgrims. In regard to vending of illicit arrack, that is a matter for the Excise Department to take action.

A word about the touring work of the Conservator. There are Government circulars on the subject.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It is now five o' clock, and the time allotted for the voting of Demands for Grants has elapsed. This and the following motions lapse.

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Motions Nos. 657 to 733.

The following motions lapsed on account of time limit :—

MR. S. J. NAIR:

657. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,300 for travelling allowance by Rs. 2.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

658. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 29,832 for Direction by Re. 1

MR. S. J. NAIR ;

659. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 31,232 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. K. SANKARAN :

660. To omit the allotment of Rs. 7,272 for Protection of Games.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :

661. To omit the allotment of Rs. 7,272 for Protection of Games.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

662. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,95,255 under Demand XI by Re. 1

MR. S. J. NAIR :

663. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 7,95,255 under Demand XI by Re. 1.

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DEMAND XII—POLICE.

MR. T. P. VELAUDHAN PILLAI ;

668. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,042 for Inspector as Office Manager by Re. 1.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI :

669. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.

MR. S. SIVARAMAN NAIR :

670. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowance by Re 1

MR. K. MAHOMED :

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI ;

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :

675. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI:

676. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 46,914 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

677. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 46,914 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI :

678. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,388 for District Superintendents by Rs. 4,800.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB :

679. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,388 for District Superintendents by Re. 1.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI:

680. To omit the allotment of Rs. 17,028 for Assistant Superintendents.

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